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Night Practice in the Gross Kuehnau-Aken Area.

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At about 11 p.m. on 21 September 1952, 16 T-34/85 tanks drove from the Dessau freight station toward Gross Kuehnau. Combat noises were heard east of the airfield during the night of 22 September. Between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., 24 motorcycles with dimmed lights were seen driving toward Aken from the direction of Klein Kuehnau. Each sidecar mounted a machine gun. Sixty-four tanks were seen crossing the Gross Kuehnau-Aken road from north to south. A short time later, tanks practiced firing with live ammunition at the tank firing range. Although it was dawn, [] the firing at targets was not possible without auxiliary aiming devices.

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[] Comment. According to reports [] on the departure from Letzling Heath after 20 September and unloadings in Dessau between 18 and 23 September, large contingents of the 7th Gds Tank Div returned to their post. [] The present report makes it appear that the unloading of the 79th Cds Hvy Tank SP Regt stationed in Camp Gross Kuehnau was connected with a night practice.

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